



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

DATE: June 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Major issues at the Public Forums

Listed below are major issues that were raised at the public forums on May 6 and 26. Also attached are the minutes for those two meetings, and the written comments that were received.

Housing – Major Issues

- Protect and enhance neighborhoods
- Maintain character of neighborhoods
- Maintain character of residential entrance corridors
- Protect and maintain green space
- Student housing
 - College needs to be more involved in addressing housing needs for students
 - Student housing at High Street
 - Location near transit stops
 - Convenient to college
 - Public/private partnership
 - City/College partnership
- Look at residential density in downtown area
- Consider hospital site for housing (especially student housing)
- Encourage mixed use development
- Three-person rule – comments both to keep and to reconsider
- More affordable housing
- Incentives for redevelopment of rental housing
- Incentives and flexibility to encourage new housing
- Consider increasing rooms allowed for B&Bs
- Park needed in Capitol Landing Road/Merrimac Trail area

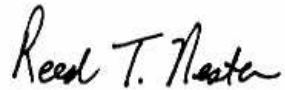
Commercial and Economic Development – Major Issues

- Maintain quality and community character
- More and interconnected green space as economic resource
- Need vision for redevelopment of Richmond Road
- Housing as part of High Street
- More mixed use in downtown area
- Target area between Scotland Street and Lafayette Street for mixed use development

- Regional cooperation on standards of development
- More diverse economy
- Plan for underground wiring for entire City
- Hospital site for student housing and businesses
- More student oriented businesses, both on- and off-campus
- More pedestrian friendly areas with wider sidewalks and better lighting

Transportation – Major Issues

- Improvements needed to Williamsburg Area Transport – better service, extended hours, serve student housing
- Satellite parking lot for W&M students
- Widen Monticello Avenue
- Improve bicycle and pedestrian access
- Regional transportation planning
- Better train service needed (regular and light rail)

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